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For: MAINTENANCE APPARATUS FOR
MEDICAL HAND PIECE

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2)**Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which is now entering the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 9-56733 published in Japan on March 4, 1997;

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-70319 published in Japan on March 21, 2001; and

C. Japanese Patent No. 2587001 published in Japan on March 5, 1997 (corresponding to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 7-303661 published in Japan on November 21, 1995).

The above-listed prior art are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application.

Though these prior art A-C cited in the Search Report are not in the English language, the Search Report (a copy thereof enclosed) is written in English and the degree of relevance is

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indicated therein by way of the markings of Xs, Ys and As along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for each of these non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

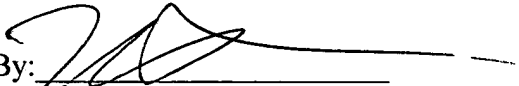
Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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